## Notes and Half Notes

### FROM THE MUSICAL STUDIO Conducted by Albert Gerard-Thiers.

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A Department of Questions and Answers, through which music lovers and students of music may be brought in contact with one of the foremost teachers of the country. Anyone interested in music, either vocal or instrumental, may submit questions to Mr. Gerard-Thiers. The only requirements are that they be concise and to the point, written in good faith and signed by the sender. They will be answered through this department only, as promptly as possible and in the order received, the editors reserving the right to select such as they deem of sufficient importance. All letters should be addressed to Mr. Albert Gerard-Thiers, in care of The Democrat.

spine and the girls are all enthusi-

of this amounts to physical impossi-

methods? I want to be a singer, but

Let me assure you that all mysticism

laws of nature which we must obey. The

right method develops the voice uncon-

The pupil has enough to study in

languages and thorough knowledge of the

fundaments of music without being purzied. It is a pity that so many teach for money alone. Recently a lady spoke

to me of her daughter who was study-ing vocal and "doing fine." Her teacher

used to be our "plano tuner but he found

As long as parents select teachers with no more education for training such a delicate organ as the voice so long will

thousands of lovely voices be ruined.
As to breathing, we all know that our

diaphragm. What is easier to under-

Length of Dally Practice.

out harm? My friend lives for her

One should not practice more than ten

How long may one practice with-

V. S. E.

There are certain fundamental

with vocal culture b

am rather discouraged.

connection

stand?

What Is Music? What is music? Of what does it voice production for each tone. I for a nickel. consist or what are its elements? M. A.

Music reduced to its primitive ele-ments, is found like the Universe itself. to consider rather vaguely of FORCE and MOTION which manifest a visible or audible world through immutable laws: consequently, it will be found that all astic about it. I have studied medithe abuses that prevail, the details of technique, whether mechancine long enough to know that some it is generally believe teal or interpretive, can be classed un-der two great heads. More minute classification and subdivision reveal less than ten modes of expression, or musical devices which comprise all artistic effect. why are there so many conflicting They are briefly: the Crescendo and De-crescendo, Attack, Accent, and other minutiae concerning emphasis and the distribution of FORCE as indicated by the dynamic signs. Forts, Piano, Sfortzando, etc., the Accelerando and Bittardano, and a few further points which come under the law of Rhythm, which is MO-TION viewed from the Art standpoint. It is therefore apparent that the practical understanding of a comparatively small number of rules should form the full equipment of every artist in inter-pretation and education in this higher technique should accompany, not follow, the cultivation of the purely mechanical side of voice production-if indeed anything may be termed PURELY mechani- more money in teaching music, which is governed by cosmic law

Inadequate Translation. Why is it that translations are so insatisfactory? Do you approve the singing the songs of Schumann and Schubert in the original German only, or are there translations that one may use?

B. N. may use? B. N.

The present fashion of program print-ing, giving the original words and an English version of songs in the opposite column, has revealed to the audience at many a song recital that while a trans-lation may conscientiously follow the musical meter it seldom reproduced the an hour but is a wreck for the rest atmosphere, and in many cases distorts of the day,

the actual words of the original.

The singer who aims at becoming an artist should have aver and above his technical equipment, an intimate knowledge of languages. Expression in singing must be actually interpretive of the text; but how can the executant hope to reproduce the subtle shades of meaning in a poem of whose general drift he has but a cursory understanding? It is surely not sufficient to acquire the correct promunciation parrot fashion, or even a literal translation of a poem in a foreign language—a peem brimming, perhaps, with passion, pain, or renunciation. The singer must make the inner meaning of the song of his own and form the actual words of the day.

One should not practice more than ten or fitteen minutes at a time. Stop and practice breathing exercises for ten minutes and then resume vocalization or song for ten minutes and then use the yawning exercises ten minutes. This retakes the muscles, opens the resonating activities, pulls the tongue down at the hase and rests one's nerves at the same time. If one has unlimited time to spend on music, sit down with your song or aria and memorize it. Work out its salient points. It is not necessary to sing alternatively companion at first head. tion. The singer must make the inner meaning of the song of his own and form his artistic conception at first hand, if his work is to be vital and convincing. Then let him sing it in the original, and his audience, however ignorant of the grammatical detail, will not miss its emotional import. Every language is me to sing everything in German, but full of delicate detail-most difficult, frequently impossible to translate. It were it alone What is your opinion? hetter to sing everything in the original language for the benefit of the singer and of the few who understand. Better a perfect interpretable of the singer and or the few who understand. Better language for the benefit of the singer and of the few who understand. Better a perfect interpretation offered to those capable of appreciating it than a mangled version, giving absolute enjoyment to no one. The incidents of a song are of less importance than the details that Indicate emotional mood. In translations | the Italian language is most desirable, as is always the atmosphere which is it is richer in vowels than any other, and as singing is but the prolonged vow-

Mysterious Terms a Delusion.

A number of my friends study with
different teachers, one teacher of
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The only thing that prevents pro-HOW IT WORKS IN GEORGIA. hibition from prohibiting in Georgia If Something Doesn't Stop us We'll gia. Aside from this defect it would

any additional flaws.

The prohibitionists admit that pro-Augusta, Ga., April 14-Conditions hibition is not preventing the use of the story of the man who got all of "But give it a chance," they say, his friends to assist him financially

be captiously critical to point out

"it will come out all right in the long run."

in perfecting a perpetual motion machine. The man made great promises This "long run" talk, in view of and hopes ran high. Finally, the in- the actual conditions, puts one in ness, ventor called the investors in and mind of the farmer who yoked himself up with a calf. The calf went "Friends," said he, "here is the bucking and bawling down a steep conclusion that the absence of the perpetual motion machine, something hillside and the man said earnestly that has been sought for in vain to the calf: "If something don't stop abrogates or does away with drinkthrough all the ages. No one but a us, we'll break our dang necks."

petual motion machine is what we ing the rate at which Augusta and rich on that pernicious signing a all need to remove all the cares and prohibition are running down hill, as lie' as I call it when a man sneaks worries of life. However, you can proven by the number of arrests for into a drug store and whispers what not expect absolute perfection on drunkenness:

this earth and in all frankness I am 1906 1906 1906 going to tell you that there is but Jan...198 Feb...214 March...269 have been asked in a Kansas town of one little flaw in my machine. I 1907 1907 1907 shall leave it to you to remove that Jan. .. 227 flaw. The only thing this machine 1908 1908 1908 needs is something to keep the Jan...167 Feb...173 1909 1909 Feb...242 March...323 the wine without subterfuge. \*\*\*\*\*

In 1908 when prohibition was new there was a falling off in the number of drunks, but in 1909 the condithey were in 1907.

near-beer places. It is clear therefore that Augusta Peoria, Ill. is in the same fix with 61 prohibition

joints as she was with 100 licensed saloons.

But the near-beer places are not to be held responsible for all of the school election, J. M. Austine was redrunkenness in Augusta-not by a arge part of a little brown jug-full. Seeking expert testimony, this his house. vriter asked of a negro hack-driver:

"How does prohibition effect the olored people?" The negro grinned and made a remark that is well worth the consideration of the friends of the black from bruises.

"Boss, de white folks is done made walkin' saloons out of de niggersout some of us drives?"

Business men are almost unantmous in the statement that it is now much harder to get dependable ne gro labor than it was before the prohibition law went into effect.

"How can I expect a negro to work for me for \$7 or \$8 a week when he can make \$7 or 38 a day selling booxe?" saked one.

reated a special place for the negro created a special place for the negro boot-legger. The negro caters to the transient trade and to the wants of those to whom the near beer houses McKeily, Miss Steiner, Drs. E. O. Morrow and Conklin, John Waltsler, Mr. are afraid to sell.

Real beer is sold openly, but in Georgia the stranger must rely mainly on the negro for whisky, Residents can get anything they want if they are regarded as "safe," but the transient is looked upon with distrust and he must have the password, or at least know the "high sign.

The boys buy from the boot-leggers because they cannot obtain whisky, as a rule, from the near beer establishments. The drunkards patronize the boot-legger because he can sell soft palate, pharynx, larynx, et., in them so-called whisky by the drink

don't think that she has the least It is no exaggeration to say that idea of what it all means for she is Georgia is sick and tired of prohibiworried to death with explanations tion. There is a strong and wide of things she cannot see. Another spread sentiment in favor of discardteacher teaches to breathe from the ing prohibition and adopting a system of regulation that will curtail

> It is generally believed that the legislature, which meets in June, will make radical changes in the law. A return to the saloon system as it existed before prohibition law went

> into effect is not expected. But it is believed that a majority of the legislature, house and senate, are in favor of a measure permitting the legal sale of alcoholic beverages in original packages and permitting the sale of liquors with meals at bona fide hotels.

#### THE CHURCH IN ACTION AGAINST PROHIBITION!

Rev. J. F. Milbank, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church at Wellington. Kansas, writes as follows:

"You ask for my opinion as a priest in regard to this great issue. "First let me say, I dislike problbition intensely. To my mind it is all wrong, or at least it goes about that which it desires to accomplish altogether in the wrong way.

"To my mind prohibition is tantamount to moral weakness. I have seen a great deal of it-have watched its comings and goings and have even done my best, as a just-minded vocal lesson once a week. She sings man, to see reason in it.

"To me it stands weighed in the balance, and as a working factor, even in that which it desires to accomplish or promote, found sadly wanting.

"I believe a nation of prohibitionists would be a nation of hypocrites. Prohibition breeds and fosters suspicion among neighbors. It means behind doors.' It means all that is not open and above board. It not only breeds a sort of secretiveness of one's actions, but worse still, it 109. introduces a condition of espionage, which is something repulsive to any free English-speaking citizen.

"I hate drunkenness; it is beastly, prohibition still more. I would rather see a son of mine come home drunk (beastly as that would be) than to think my boy was a sneak and a liar. You can cure and sober a drunkard. Many have been redeemed. But never yet have I known a sneak or a liar changed into a decent man

dishonesty and a lack of candor, and of sales, \$7.00787.20.

Were my church the Friedman of Sales, \$7.00787.20.

Sheep-Market steady; native, \$3.65 @ were my church—the Episcopal—to \$6.15; western, \$3.65@\$6.15; yearlings, \$6.15 commit itself to such an unscriptural @57.25; lambs, \$5.50@\$8.20; western, \$5.80 platform (as many 'churches' have) 696.25. I would resign tomorrow, send in my vestments and go to work at something else.

"But there is one thing which two churches in America, and throughout the world, will never do-I refer is the sale and use of liquor in Geor- to the Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches-and that is to take up this prohibition question as it now stands and is now managed. Indeed, one cannot be a prohibitionist and still believe in the inspiration of Holy

> "Temperance is one thing (and it applies to all our appetites and desires); prohibition is quite another. The one is strength-the other weak-

"After living some years in an anti-saloon state I have come to the (license) saloon proper by no means ing or drunkenness. It only seems Here are the official figures show to me to help the druggists grow he wants-holds up his hand and swears. But to what? I myself, fifteen thousand, when I went into a Feb ... 241 March ... 318 drug store for a bottle of wine for Holy Communion, to sign a lie. So I March...290 refused to celebrate the Holy Sacrament until I could openly procure

"What more could I say? I might quote great men-Gladstone, Bismark, Lincoln, back to Washington, and tions are almost exactly the same as further yet, back to Cana's marriage feast. I feel that I am in excellent Before prohibition went into effect company, and in the society and comthere were about 100 licensed sa- panionship of the men who have loons in Augusta. There are now 61 made, or helped to make, the world what it is."-The Saturday Review,

#### PLEASANT GROVE.

Pleasant Grove, April 19 .- At the annual elected local director of District No. 4 Plain township. William Penrose is building a porch to

Chester K. Stoner attended the Patter son examination at Canton, Saturday.

Roger Campbell, who was injured in the wreck on the C. & A., Saturday evening, is slightly improved. He suffered a slight cussion of the brain and feels sore

Mrs. I. B. Wenger and daughter Olive and Miss Pearl Coleman, of New Berlin were Sunday afternoon callers in the Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Easig, of near the Wearstler church, were Sunday visitors at the home of their daughter, Mr. and

Mrs. H. Van Voorhis.

Mrs. R. Winnell, of New Berlin, and
Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes, of Oklahoma. were the guests of Mrs. Harvey Moore, Saturday. Charles Shaeffer and George Jahn and

families, of Canton, spent Sunday at the home of Henry Schumacher.

A social party was held Sunday in Mrs. Oleu's new house, where she intends moving from the Amilier home in the

The fact is that prohibition has near future. Those present were Mrs reated a special place for the negro Becker, Florence and Jacob Schroyer, Mrs. R. S. Ambler and son, Phillip,

#### LOCAL MARKETS

Buying Prices. Cleveland, O., April 30, 1909. 25c; creamery, 31%@

Eggs, 18c. Chickens, live, young, 16c; old, 15c. Potatoes, 70c per bushel, Dry Onions, 80c per bushel.

Retall Prices. Chickens, dressed, 18@20c. Eggs, per dozen, 22c. Butter, country, 23c; creamery, 35/937c Potatoes, new, 25c peck. Apples, 60@70c peck. Flour, winter, ½ bbl., \$1.55@\$1.65. Flour, spring, ¼ bbl., \$1.65@1.75. Celery, 10c bunch. Cabbage, 568c head, Lettuce, 15@20c Pb. Spinach, 13c

Canton Grain Markets. Dealers pay the following prices: Wheat, per bu.. \$1.36. Corn in ear per bu. 70c.
Oats, per bu. 53c.
Clover seed, per bu. \$5.40.
Baled hay per ton. \$11.00 to \$12.00.
Baled straw, per ton. \$6.50 to \$7.50
Local Hay.

Farmers get \$11.00 to \$12.00

Retail Prices.

Alsike clover, per bu. \$9.50.

Medium clover, per bu. \$6.25.

Timothy seed, per bu. \$2.25.

Corn, ear, per bu. \$5.6.

Corn shelled, per bu., \$5.6.

Oats 60c to 65c per bu.

Wheat, per bu., \$1.85.

Cracked Corn, per cwt., \$1.85.

Oyster shell, per cwt., \$1.85.

Oyster shell, per cwt., \$2.7.00.

Winter white midds, per ton, \$27.00.

Winter white midds, per ton, \$28.00.

Purs corn and oats ehop ton, \$35.00.

Purs corn and oats per cwt., \$1.85.

Old process oil meal per cwt., \$1.85.

Old process oil meal per cwt., \$1.75.

Timothy hay, per ton, \$14.00.

Straw, per cwt., 60c.

Straw, per cwt., 60c.

Straw, per ton, \$10.50.

Salt, per bbl., medium, \$1.15.

Salt, per bbl., fine, \$1.05.

Lime, per bbl., \$1.00.

Portland Cement, per bbl., \$1.60.

Loose Hay.

Farmers get \$12.00 per ton for good hay.

Canton Wholesale. Retail Prices.

Canton Wholesale. Cattle, dressed, 899%c. Hogs, dressed, 899c. Yearling lambs, 13c.

Dairy and Farmyard. Canton, O., April 19, 1909. Butter, creamery, extras, 30 @ 301/20; orints, 3163114c. Cheese-Full creams, York State, 1540 15c; Ohlo, 15@15½c; limburger, 15 @ 16 Swiss, 16@17c; brick cheese, 17@18c. Eggs-Current receipts, 21%c

#### TELEGRAPH MARKETS

Poultry-Chickens, alive, 16917c.

TOLEDO GRAIN. Toledo, O., April 19.-Wheat-Cash, 141; May, 1391/2; July, 1181/4; Sept., 110; Dec.,

Corn-Cash, 714; May, 714; July, 70; Oats-Cash, 57; May, 56%; July, 50; Sept.

Cloverseed-Cash and April, \$5.85; Oct. inexcusable; but I fear and loathe \$5.00; Dec., \$6.60; prime alsike, \$3.10; prime timothy, \$1.80. Rye-No, 2, 87%.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, April 19. - Cattle - Market steady; beeves, \$4.75@\$7.00; Texas stears, \$4.50@\$5.70; western stears, \$4.40 @ \$5.75; stockers and feeders, \$3.50@\$5.60; cows and helfers, \$2.00@36.00; calves, \$5.00@37.25. Hogs — Market steady; light, \$6.70 @ \$7.20; mixed, \$6.80@\$7.30; heavy, \$6.85 @ "No, I hate prohibition intensely \$7.30; rough, \$6.85@\$7.00; good to choice because, as I have said, it breeds heavy, \$6.85@\$7.30; pigs, \$5.65@\$6.50; bulk

#### NEW YORK MARKETS.

New York, April 19.-Reading was the leader in activity as well as strength today, making a net gain of 2% points. The balance of the market scored gains ranging from 1/2 to 2 points, which was partly lost toward the close. Some of the lower priced stocks made marked gains, and held their price, closing at highest of the day. Several new high records were The trend of prices is again upward, and advices sent out by commission houses is generally optimistic on the im-

In the grain markets, wheat was again very active, and during the early hours of business the price was sharply advanced. Later developments started selling movement and July closed with a loss of 11/c and September 1/20 from the opening. The price of May option was unchanged from opening figures.

Quotations furnished by J. P. Shimp manager Harry Rex office, Courtland

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Amalgamated Copper 751/4	76%	75%	76%
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American Locomotive., 54%	54%	5416	5416
American Smelting 88%	8914	8814	8874
American Sugar134			
Anaconda Copper 44%			
Atchison, T. & Sfe 106%	107%	106%	10754
Baltimore & Ohio1124	11314	112%	1134
Brooklyn Rapid Tran., 77%			
Canada Pacific174%			
Chesapeake & Ohio 7716	7714	7654	76%
Chic., Mil. & St. P., 148%			
Colorado Fuel & I 38	39	38	281/
Erie Common 30%			30%
Louisville & Nash13514	13834	18814	1384
Missouri Bactile 74%			
New York Central 130%	13114	13914	1304
Northern Pacific144%	14476	143%	1444
Pennsylvania134%	135%	134%	1345
Reading1425	144%	14244	1445
Rock Island 26%			
Rock Island Pfd 68%			
Southern Pacific 120%	130%	120	1804
Union Pacific186%	18814	186%	1874
United States Steel 51%			
United States Steel Pr. 115%			

An Unusual Theme. "He's a queer fellow." "As to how?" "Always talking about the happy

#### marriages he knows of." CARROLLTON.

Carroliton, April 18.—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bennington, of Canton, were guests of Carrollton relatives over Sunday. Circuit court was in session, Tuesday, with Judges Laubi, Cook and Metcalfe

on the bench. Two cases, in one of which Jonathan Eernard of Rose township was defendant, and plaintiff in the other, were ontinued until next term on account of Sernard's death. In the case of William Shepherd, administrator de bonis non of Elizabeth Shepherd et al, was heard and decided in favor of the defendant. The calfe. All parties interested excepted to the decision.

John Gribbie was arrested at Sherods ille on Wednesday by Shariff Arbaugh landed in jall and was given a hearing in probate court. Friday. He is 14 years old, a son of Dan Gribble, of Midvale. and ran away from home jast winter and has been at Sherodsville with relatives.

See Page 5 for Dolly Aspinwell ad.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ashbrook were Alliance visitors on Thursday.

The Specht well was drilled in on

Thursday and shot, and only gave a small showing for oil. Ross Potts, of Harlem Springs, and Mrs. Olive Jackman, of Lee township, and Jay Campbell and Miss Ida Faigley, of Harrison township, have been granted marriage licenses.
Charles Booth, of Canton, president of

Ferguson Manufacturing company, was in town several days the past week on business.

John Stockon has accepted an agency

with the Metropolitan Insurance comthe near future.

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